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SUBJ: CONSULAR DISTRICT OF ROMANIAN CONGEN KIEV

1. FIRST SECRETARY IANCU SAVU, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CONSULAR MATTERS IN ROMANIAN EMBASSY, CONFIRMED MARCH 4 THAT ROMANIAN CONGEN KIEV'S CONSULAR DISTRICT IS UKRAINIAN SSR, AND DOES NOT RPT NOT INCLUDE MOLDAVIAN SSR. HE SAID KIEV IS ONLY ROMANIAN CONSULATE IN USSR, AND MOLDAVIA IS IN EMBASSY'S CONSULAR DISTRICT. SAVU SAID ARRANGEMENT IS QUOTE VERY DIFFICULT END QUOTE FOR EMBASSY CONSULAR STAFF, BUT HE NOTED THAT PRESENT DELINEATION OF KIEV CONSULAR DISTRICT WAS WHAT ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT HAD REQUESTED WHEN POST WAS OPENED. HE SAID HE DID NOT FORESEE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT WANTING OR REQUESTING CHANGE, AND HE DOUBTED ARRANGEMENT WOULD CHANGE IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE. HE DID NOT EXPLAIN WHY ROMANIANS DID NOT REQUEST OR WANT REDRAWING OF KIEV DISTRICT TO INCLUDE MOLDAVIA.

2. SAVU SAID ROMANIAN EMBASSY OFFICERS FREQUENTLY CROSS MOLDAVIA IN TRANSIT TO BUCHAREST, BUT GO THERE INFREQUENTLY ON CONSULAR BUSINESS. AMERICAN CONSUL SUGGESTED THERE MUST BE LARGE AMOUNT OF ROMANIAN CONSULAR BUSINESS AND NUMEROUS DUAL ROMANIAN-SOVIET CITIZENS IN MOLDAVIA, BUT SAVU DISAGREED. HE INDICATED MOST SUCH PROBLEMS HAD BEEN QUOTE LIQUIDATED END QUOTE BY CLEAN BREAK WHEN MOLDAVIAN SSR WAS CREATED. MOST PROBLEMS ABOUT DUAL CITIZENSHIP, HE INDICATED, WERE RESOLVED IN
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1959 SOVIET-ROMANIAN AGREEMENT ABOUT CITIZENSHIP.

(NOTE: SUBSEQUENT CHECK IN OUR REFERENCE MATERIAL INDICATES SOVIET-ROMANIAN DUAL CITIZENSHIP CONVENTION WAS DATED SEPTEMBER 4, 1957). HE ACKNOWLEDGED THERE ARE SOME PERSONS IN USSR STILL ENTITLED TO ROMANIAN CITIZENSHIP UNDER ROMANIAN LAW, AND HE SAID SOVIETS HAVE PROPOSED NEGOTIATION OF NEW BILATERAL CITIZENSHIP AGREEMENT BUT ROMANIANS HAVE NOT YET RESPONDED TO SOVIET APPROACH.

3. SAVU SAID HE WAS SURE CONSULAR DISTRICT OF BULGARIAN CONSULATE IN KIEV INCLUDED MOLDAVIAN SSR, AND HE THOUGHT DISTRICT OF AT LEAST HUNGARIAN AND GDR POSTS IN KIEV DID ALSO.

4. INFORMATION OF EE CONSULAR DISTRICTS IN PARAS 1 AND 3 ABOVE IS CONSISTENT WITH REMARKS MADE RECENTLY TO EMBASSY OFFICERS BY ROMANIAN CONSUL GENERAL IN KIEV, WHO, HOWEVER, DID NOT MENTION RUSSIAN CG IN KIEV AS ONE WITH DISTRICT INCLUDING MOLDAVIA. HE WAS UNSURE OF FACTS, BUT THOUGHT MOLDAVIA WAS COVERED IN DISTRICTS OF GDR, BULGARIAN, POLISH, AND POSSIBLY YUGOSLAV CG'S LOCATED IN KIEV.

5. INDIAN EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR ARORA ADVISED EMBASSY OFFICER MARCH 4 THAT INDIAN CONSULATE IN ODESSA COVERS ONLY THE UKRAINE AND DOES NOT INCLUDE MOLDAVIA IN CONSULAR DISTRICT.

6. AN EMBASSY CONSUL HAS APPOINTMENT AT MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION AFTERNOON MARCH 5 FOR ROUTING CONSULAR BUSINESS. IF DEPARTMENT DOES NOT OBJECT, EMBASSY PROPOSES THAT HE USE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK MFA OFFICERS WHETHER MOLDAVIAN SSR IS IN CONSULAR DISTRICTS OF BULGARIA AND/OR OTHER CONSULATE IN KIEV. STOESEL

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